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To Whom It may concern,

I object to the proposed settlement in 4 primary areas.

- 1) The agreement provides to little in the way of punishment for past misdeeds.
- 2) The oversight of Microsoft's future behavior is weak in enforcement powers and too limited in scope.
- 3) Microsoft is given broad discretion in asserting intellectual property claims to exclude information about file formats and communication interfaces.
- 4) The agreement appears to be specific drafted to allow Microsoft many opportunities to exclude members of the free software movement. To quote Ralph Nades open letter "under J.1 and J.2 of the proposed final order, Microsoft can withhold technical information from third parties on the grounds that Microsoft does not certify the "authenticity and viability of its business""

Microsoft has repeatedly stated that it considers programers like the SAMBA and LINUX kernel programers "a cancer" Which I belive they intend to include as a "non-viable business"

Microsoft is still practicing exclusionary tactics.

Thank You

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